# SUNNYSIDE Neighborhood News December 2018

#### **Neighborhood News**

By Russell Rinaldi, Sunnyside Neighborhood Association Co-Chair

The onset of Fall has made this a month of changes, culminating this past week. The prospect of the Sunnyside Community House (SCH) on the corner of 35th and Yamhill opening a 50-bed shelter stirred up neighbors on all sides of the enormously complex issues we've been facing around the Sunnyside Environmental School (SES) Park, as a neighborhood and on a broader scale as a city and a nation. Even though the proposal didn't go through and those 50 beds have found a home in a different shelter in another community, SCH continues to offer their services; if temperatures drop below freezing this winter, they will become an emergency warming shelter.

Hardly anyone living here doesn't want to find a way to help our houseless community members while maintaining a livable, safe space for everyone. How do we serve the people who come here seeking help without leaving the troubled among them abandoned to the park and the surrounding neighborhood?

If there's anything I've learned, it's that you can debate someone's opinion, but you cannot argue with their experiences. We based last Tuesday's Safety and Livability Committee meeting on acknowledging the problematic incidents surrounding SES Park and immediate vicinity, trying to ensure that everyone would be heard, and that no one would be ridiculed for their perspective of how they've been impacted.

People with different perspectives agreed that we would put aside our differences and concentrate on solutions because we don't have to agree with each other's politics to make things work. We decided we won't stop talking so we can define actions. To that end, we're working to establish a Good Neighbor Agreement with Sunnyside Community House.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association has helped negotiate Good Neighbor Agreements in the past with churches, bars, and local businesses. The Safety and Livability Committee will ask the board for their assistance. The agreements contain equitable solutions with which we might address the problems most impacting us. I promise you no one will find the deal perfect, but it will dramatically improve the quality of our experience and be a great start.

The City also has some resources available to us. At this November's board meeting, Cassie Rosales presented a City program called Park Watch. Most notably it includes training on whom to call when problems arise to get issues acted upon. It's not usually the police, and it's better not to call them unless there's a real threat or emergency. But when we do have to call them, instruction is given on how to succinctly provide the dispatcher with the information they need. Check out the chart on the last page of this PDF for specifics: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/civic/article/673574

#### UPCOMING EVENTS | DECEMBER

2nd - Tech Help, 2-4 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*

**4th** – Resume Help, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*

**6th** – Tech Help, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*

9th - Tech Help, 2-4 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*

**13th** − Tech Help, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*

18th – Resume Help, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*

#### January

5th – SES Tree Recycling, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. @ SES\*

**6th** – SES Tree Recycling, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. @ SES\* \* **See articles for details** 

#### MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings at Southeast Uplift unless noted

#### **Upcoming Board Meetings**

Thursday December 13th & January 10th, 7-9 p.m.

#### **Safety and Livability Committee**

Tuesday December 6th & January 1st, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

#### Land Use & Transportation Committee

Tuesday December 6th & January 1st, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

#### Graffiti Clean-up

2nd & 4th Saturdays, weather permitting. Call 503-235-5047

#### Sunnyside Foot Patrol

Every Monday, 7 p.m., Meet at Sunnyside School basketball courts



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We invited Cassie to the next Safety and Livability meeting on December 4th. We hope you'll join us for the December SNA board meeting to start a dialog on how to integrate SCH's operations more smoothly into the space we share.

I have been working with Pat Schwiebert and John Mayer, both of whom operate SCH as they graciously donate their space for the Safety and Livability Committee meetings. They are loving, excellent people, and they are just being kind because that's their nature. They aren't out to destroy the park or our neighborhood. They do listen to our concerns, they will accept our help, and they want to make a better village with us.

SCH needs volunteers, always. Who has time and experience to give? Who has building and construction knowledge? Does anyone know of effective day programs - like job training - seeking a home? Contact Pat at info@ sunnysidecommunityhouse.org

I think there must be a centrist way that accountability. leverages oversight, training, resources, staff. and infrastructure. One of my neighbors quotes the saying "Please put on your own oxygen mask before attempting to help other passengers" as though it were a mantra. I concur with that sentiment as it applies here.

Houselessness is ubiquitous in America right now. We can't change the whole country, but if we limit our scope to Sunnyside, we can sculpt our village into a fairer, more livable and safer place. The only way we can start this is to begin working together to form something, not perfect, but something we can live with.



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#### **Sunnyside Environmental School Annual Xmas Tree Fundraiser**

By Jeff Stokes, SES Parent Volunteer

It is that time of year when Sunnyside Environmental School (SES) parents and students organize a Holiday / Christmas Tree Recycling Event with all monies raised benefitting the school's Go FUND. The goal is to ensure that all students, regardless of financial resources, are able to fully participate in our curriculumbased overnight field trips. Further, SES middle-schoolers (grades 6 - 8) earn community service credits by working on event logistics, our neighbors feel welcomed on the school grounds, and we provide a valuable service - including our crackerjack drivers who provide tree pickup service whether in the rain, hail, snow or sun.

In the spirit of recycling and a 'circular economy', a local resource, Honl Tree Care, turns the trees into mulch chips. helping keep the perimeter school



gardens well tended.

We offer both drop-off and pickup options and encourage early reservations via email or online. For residents who bring their trees to the school, we will have complimentary coffee, tea and hot cocoa.

Drop site is at the Sunnyside Environmental School 3421 SE Salmon St, Portland OR 97214. The drop-off is in the asphalt area just behind the school building. Follow signs and instructions on-

Pick-up service needs to be reserved in advance. It is available to all eastside PDX residents in these zip codes: 97202, 97206, 97212, 97213, 97214, 97215, 97216, 97232, 97266

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online (http://bit.ly/sunnyside-trees). Email requests for pick-up must include requested day, name, full address, contact number and any special instructions. We cannot guarantee specific pick-up times. Please leave your tree on a porch or nearby area by 9:00 a.m. on the pick-up



day.

**Event hours and dates**: Saturday Jan. 5th and Sunday Jan. 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Donation request:** \$5 for drop-off; \$10 for pickup

We prefer donations be made via PayPal at paypal.me/SEStreerecycling. However, cash or checks made payable to "SES PTSA" are also acceptable.

**Questions?**: Contact either Steve Panos at stevenpaulpanos@gmail.com or Jeff Skoke at jmsrwc@yahoo.com

#### Doing what we can...doing what is needed, for ourselves and others

By Jan Molinaro, co-chair Sunnyside NET Assistant Team Leader (ATL), Sunnyside Prepared! (a committee of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association)

Checking though my emails, I discovered I have been writing emergency preparedness articles for the SNA newsletter for three years and counting.

The message hasn't changed and the advice has been timely and sound. Are you prepared for any kind of emergency in all ways possible?

My friends and neighbors who camp regularly tell me all the work that is necessary to have a good camping experience. Lots of planning and prepping and follow through, before, during and after.

We cannot know when a disaster might strike, but there is lots we all can do to get ready. Don't let the fact that you can't figure out how to store two weeks of water and food stop you from being prepared. Talk to your neighbors and figure this out together.

Don't wait for others to step up. Become a leader for preparedness at home, at your office, and all the places you spend time.

# **News from the Belmont Library** By Megan McDaniel

Multnomah County Library wants to read your book!

There's still time to submit your book to the Library Writers Project. Through December 17th, the library will be accepting submissions from local authors who would like to see their work added to the library's collection. For this round of submissions, the library will accept memoirs as well as works of fiction, for adults, teens and children. After library staff review submissions, they will add the best ones to the library's e-book collection on the OverDrive platform, visited by over 5000 MCL patrons every single day.

For more information, and links to publish and submit your book, visit multcolib.org/library-writers-project

All Multnomah County Libraries will be closed Monday December 24th and Tuesday December 25th. We will also close at 6 p.m. on Monday December 31th and be closed Tuesday January 1st. Happy Holidays!

Upcoming library programs:

Tuesday December 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Tuesday December 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

#### Resume Help

Do you need some help with your

resume? Are you unsure about your choice of words? Struggling to describe your accomplishments?

Come meet with an experienced volunteer for one-on-one help.

If you have a paper copy of your resume, please bring it along.

First come, first served. Participation is free. No library card required.

Sunday December 2, 2-4 p.m.; Thursday December 6, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Sunday December 9, 2-4 p.m.; Thursday December 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

#### **Tech Help**

Do you have technology questions? Meet one-on-one for 30 minutes with a friendly, knowledgeable Tech Helper who will help you find answers to questions about mobile devices, websites, downloading, e-readers, getting started with tech, and more. If you need help with a smartphone, iPad or tablet, please bring it with you, along with your username and password, or we may not be able to help.





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